

**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation  
Against:

GEORGE D. DEMOS, PH.D.  
16641 Edge Water Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Psychologist's License No. PSY 534

Respondent.

Case No. W226

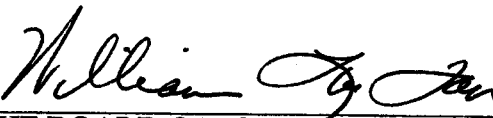
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**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on May 15, 2004.

It is so ORDERED April 15, 2004.

  
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FOR THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

13 Psychologist's License No. PSY 534

14 Respondent.

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16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this  
17 proceeding that the following matters are true:  
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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Thomas S. O'Connor (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of  
Psychology. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
21 Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Cindy M. Lopez, Deputy Attorney General.  
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23 2. GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding  
by attorney William Kopeny, whose address is 16485 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 230, Irvine, CA  
24 92618.  
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26 3. On or about December 15, 1958, the Board of Psychology issued  
Psychologist's License No. PSY 534 to GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D. The License was in full force  
27 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Petition to Revoke Probation No.  
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1 W226 and will expire on August 31, 2004, unless renewed.

2 JURISDICTION

3 4. Petition to Revoke Probation No. W226 was filed before the  
4 Board of Psychology (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against  
5 Respondent. The Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were  
6 properly served on Respondent on January 10, 2002. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense  
7 contesting the Petition to Revoke Probation.

8 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

9 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands  
10 the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. W226 Respondent also  
11 has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender  
12 of License and Order.

13 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to  
14 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Petition to Revoke Probation; the right to be represented  
15 by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the  
16 right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
17 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and  
18 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative  
19 Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each  
21 and every right set forth above.

22 CULPABILITY

23 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke  
24 Probation No. W226, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon  
25 his Psychologist's License.

26 9. For the purpose of resolving the Petition to Revoke Probation without the  
27 expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant  
28 could establish a prima facie case for the charges in the Petition to Revoke Probation and that those

1 charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for  
2 discipline exists based on those charges.

3 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to  
4 issue an order accepting the surrender of his Psychologist's License without further process.

5 CONTINGENCY

6 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Psychology.  
7 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of  
8 Psychology may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without  
9 notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent  
10 understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior  
11 to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its  
12 Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect,  
13 except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board  
14 shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

15 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated  
16 Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and  
17 effect as the originals.

18 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree  
19 that the (Board) may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

20 ORDER

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Psychologist's License No. PSY 534, issued to  
22 Respondent GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D. is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Psychology.

23 14. The surrender of Respondent's Psychologist's License and the acceptance of  
24 the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.  
25 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license  
26 history with the Board.

27 15. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a psychologist in California as of  
28 the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

16. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his License wall and pocket license certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

17. Respondent understands and agrees that if he ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation No. W226 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.

## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, William Kopeny. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Psychologist's License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Psychology.

DATED: 01/06/04

George D. Benson

GEORGE D. DEMOS, PH.D.  
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 1/8/64

*William J. Kopeny*  
WILLIAM KOPENY  
Attorney for Respondent

1 ENDORSEMENT

2 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully  
3 submitted for consideration by the Board of Psychology of the Department of Consumer Affairs.  
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5 DATED: 3.14.03  
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**ACCUSATION AND  
PETITION TO REVOKE  
PROBATION**

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Thomas S. O'Connor (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his  
21 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer  
22 Affairs.

23 2. On or about December 15, 1958, the Board of Psychology issued  
24 Psychologist's License Number PSY 534 to GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D. (Respondent). The  
25 Psychologist's License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
26 herein and will expire on August 31, 2002, unless renewed.

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## JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Psychology (Board), under the authority of the following sections of the Business and Professions Code (Code), and related statutes and regulations.

4. Section 2960 of the Code states:

The board may refuse to issue any registration or license, or may issue a registration or license with terms and conditions, or may suspend or revoke the registration or license of any registrant or licensee if the applicant, registrant, or licensee has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a psychologist or psychological assistant.

(b) Use of any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or dangerous drug, or any alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or herself, any other person, or the public, or to an extent that this use impairs his or her ability to perform the work of a psychologist with safety to the public.

(c) Fraudulently or neglectfully misrepresenting the type or status of license or registration actually held.

(d) Impersonating another person holding a psychology license or allowing another person to use his or her license or registration.

(e) Using fraud or deception in applying for a license or registration or in passing the examination provided for in this chapter.

(f) Paying, or offering to pay, accepting, or soliciting any consideration, compensation, or remuneration, whether monetary or otherwise, for the referral of clients.

(g) Violating Section 17500.

(h) Willful, unauthorized communication of information received in professional confidence.



1 (i) Violating any rule of professional conduct promulgated by the board and set  
2 forth in regulations duly adopted under this chapter.

3 (j) Being grossly negligent in the practice of his or her profession.

4 (k) Violating any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations duly adopted  
5 thereunder.

6 (l) The aiding or abetting of any person to engage in the unlawful practice of  
7 psychology.

8 (m) The suspension, revocation or imposition of probationary conditions by  
9 another state or country of a license or certificate to practice psychology or as a  
10 psychological assistant issued by that state or country to a person also holding a license or  
11 registration issued under this chapter if the act for which the disciplinary action was taken  
12 constitutes a violation of this section.

13 (n) The commission of any dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act.

14 (o) Any act of sexual abuse, or sexual relations with a patient or former patient  
15 within two years following termination of therapy, or sexual misconduct that is  
16 substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a psychologist or  
17 psychological assistant or registered psychologist.

18 (p) Functioning outside of his or her particular field or fields of competence as  
19 established by his or her education, training, and experience.

20 (q) Willful failure to submit, on behalf of an applicant for licensure, verification  
21 of supervised experience to the board.

22 (r) Repeated acts of negligence.

23 5. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1396.2 states:

24 "A psychologist shall not misrepresent nor permit the misrepresentation of his or  
25 her professional qualifications, affiliations, or purposes, of those of the institutions,  
26 organizations, products and/or services with which he or she is associated."

27 6. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may  
28 request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or

1 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation  
2 and enforcement of the case.

3 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

4 (Misrepresentation of License Status)

5 7. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2960,  
6 subdivisions (c), (i), (k) and (n) of the Code, and section 1396.2 of the Regulations, in that  
7 respondent misrepresented the status of his license when he filed an application for staff  
8 membership. The circumstances are as follows:

9 A. On or about January 11, 2001, the County of Los Angeles  
10 Department of Mental Health (hereinafter "DMH") informed the Board that respondent's  
11 application for staff membership, filed on September 19, 2000, had been denied on  
12 December 29, 2000.

13 B. On or about June 21, 2000, respondent's initial accreditation with  
14 DMH expired. Respondent reapplied for accreditation and on his written application  
15 form stated that he had been "convicted for a misdemeanor other than a traffic violation."  
16 The application form did not posit a request for a written explanation of this affirmative  
17 answer.

18 C. On or about June 29, 2000 and on or about August 21, 2000, DMH  
19 requested that respondent provide copies of the adverse criminal action for its review.  
20 Respondent did not respond to these requests.

21 D. On or about May 15, 1995, in Superior Court Case No. BA064489,  
22 respondent pled guilty to a violation of Welfare & Institutions Code section 10980,  
23 subdivision (c)(2)[welfare fraud]. On the basis of this conviction, respondent was  
24 sentenced to five (5) years formal probation.

25 E. On or about April 11, 1996, an Accusation was filed against  
26 respondent in Case No. W-70 based on his 1995 conviction for welfare fraud.

27 F. On or about July 1, 1998, the Accusation in Case No. W-70 was  
28 resolved against respondent by a decision rendered by the Board, which ordered that

1 respondent's license be revoked, but that said order be stayed and the license placed on  
2 probation for a period of five (5) years.

3 G. When respondent filed for accreditation with DMH on September  
4 19, 2000, respondent submitted an application form and marked "no" thereon to the  
5 question, "Has your professional license in any state ever been limited, suspended,  
6 revoked or subjected to probationary conditions or have proceedings toward any of those  
7 ends ever been instituted against you?"

8 DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

9 8. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on respondent,  
10 Complainant alleges that on or about July 1, 1998, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In the  
11 Matter of the Accusation Against George D. Demos, Ph.D., before the Board of Psychology, in  
12 Case Number W-70, respondent's license was subjected to discipline in the form of a five year  
13 probationary term based on the sustained allegation that respondent had been convicted and  
14 sentenced for welfare fraud. That decision is now final and is incorporated by reference herein as  
15 if fully set forth.

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1. ~~Revoking~~ or suspending Psychologist's License Number PSY 534, issued to GEORGE D. DEMOS, Ph.D.;

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

THOMAS S. O'CONNOR  
Executive Officer  
Board of Psychology  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

In the Matter of the Accusation and Petition to  
Revoke Probation filed Against:

George D. Demos, Ph.D.

No.: W226

I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 1422 Howe Avenue, Ste. 22 Sacramento, California 95825. I served a true copy of the attached:

DECISION AND ORDER

by mail on each of the following, by placing same in an envelope (or envelopes) addressed (respectively) as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS

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Each said envelope was then on April 15, 2004, sealed and deposited in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, the county in which I am employed, as certified mail, with the postage thereon fully prepaid, and return receipt requested.

Executed on, April 15, 2004, at Sacramento, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.



DECLARANT  
Kathi Burns  
Enforcement Coordinator